

MESSAGE NOTES

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Whole: Time
Ephesians 5:15-17
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- Mature faith = learning to _____ Jesus with my _____ life
- Steward = to _____ that which belongs to _____ 1 Cor 4:2
- How do we _____ make the _____ of the time? Psalm 31:15; 90:12

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

GIVE YOURSELF TO _____

- In all _____ and in _____ you do. Proverbs 3:5-8; 16:3; John 15:4-5
- Gratefully letting His Spirit _____ you. Gal 5:16-26; Eph 2:1-10; 5:18-6:18

LEARN WHEN TO SAY " _____ "

- To that which is sinful or _____ - _____. Gen 39:7-12; Eph 4:17-5:18
- To what may be _____, but not God's _____. Lk 4:42-44; 1 Cor 6:12; 10:23-24

USE GOD'S _____ TO YOU

- To serve _____. Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11; 2 Cor 8:5; Eph 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Humbly be who _____ made _____ to be. 1 Samuel 17:38-40; Psalm 139:13-14

INVEST IN WHAT _____

- Invite _____ to know _____. Prov 11:30; Mt 28:18-20; John 1:40-42; Col 4:5-6
- Build _____ the _____ generation. Psalm 71:18; Eph 6:4; 2 Timothy 1:5; 2:1-2
- LORD, which of these _____ do I _____ need to _____? Prov 9:9

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GIVE YOURSELF TO JESUS

Putting Him first & seeking Him first in everything

- ☐ Can I point to a time/season I humbly admitted my sin & trusted in Jesus?
- ☐ In which of my "ways" do I need to acknowledge the LORD more?
- ☐ Am I learning the power of combining—ex. praying while exercising?

LEARN WHEN TO SAY "NO"

Learning to have boundaries & appropriate margin

- ☐ Do I practice a weekly "Sabbath" (Exodus 20:8) instead of working all the time?
- ☐ Before agreeing to something, do I ask for time to pray about it?
- ☐ Am I learning to distinguish between what's important and what's urgent?

USE GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU

Learning to be the best you that you can be for His glory

- ☐ What ability do I have that I could quietly use this week to bless others?
- ☐ If I had only 2 hours to give, who would I help, and what would I do?
- ☐ Have I ever taken a class like Network to discover how God has gifted me?

INVEST IN WHAT LASTS

"All that is not eternal is eternally out of date." (C. S. Lewis)

- ☐ What's 1 way I'm already investing in the next generation?
- ☐ Can I name 1 person that I'm loving & praying for to know & trust Christ?
- ☐ Have I made out my will to strategically invest in God's work in the world?